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[Despatch Abstract.]

Advances - Loans - Bellary - Hadagalli taluk - Hadagalli village
G. Basavanagowd - Arrears - written off

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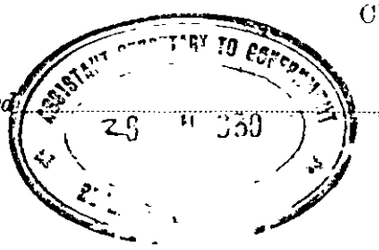

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Advances- Loans (Bellary)- Hadagalli taluk- Hadagalli village- G. Basavanagowd- Land Improvement Loans 45/32 - Arrears - write off.

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From

The Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue~~ Land Revenue. Settlement, ~~etc.~~ ~~Separate Revenue.~~

C.A. Souter Esq., I.C.S.,

Commr. of Land Revenue and Settlement.

~~Resolution~~ Reference.

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Read the following:-

pp 3-5 supra Letter from E. Bennett Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, Ref.C.No. 6933/29 A-5 dated 14-12-1929.

Reference.-

Submitted to Government.

pp 3-7 C.F 2. In the circumstances stated by the Collector, the Board recommends the writing off as irrecoverable of the amount of Rs. 588-13-7 being the unpaid balance of the loan granted in ~~L.O. L.I.L.~~ Loan order. Land improvement loan. 45/32 to G.Basavanagowd of Hadagalli village, Hadagalli taluk.

pp 5-6 C.F 3. With reference to para 4 of his letter, the Collector

of Bellary is requested to obtain the explanation of Mr.Hari -krishnan Nayudu for the over-valuation of the security lands and for careless enquiry in respect of ~~L.O. L.I.L.~~ Loan order Land improvement Loan 45/32 and submit it to the Board with his remarks.

Chamaiah
25.7.30
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department, with records as per list ✓

To the Collector of Bellary.

M.D. 24-1

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Copy of letter from E.Bennett Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, Ref.C.No.6933/29; A.5, dated 14-12-1929.

Advances - Loans Hadagalli Taluk - Hadagalli village - L.I.L. 45/Fasli 1332 - arrears - write off - recommended.

One G. Basavanagowd of Hadagalli was granted a loan of Rs.300/- on 20-7-1922 in A.G.L.O. 43/Fasli 1332 on the security of S.No.16 of Hadagalli village for the purchase of two bulls. His sister Phakeeravva was granted a loan of Rs.250/- in L.I.L.O. 5/32 on 27-9-1922, on the security of S.No.552 A. of Hadagalli for removal of nuth grass. Ten months later another loan of Rs.500/- was granted to Basavangowd in L. I. L. O. No. 45/32 for sinking a well in S.No. 16 which had been previously mortgaged to Government in A. G. L. O. 43/Fasli 1332. As the amount was insufficient to complete the well an additional loan of Rs. 500/- was granted to him in revised L. I. L. O. 45 of 32 dated 29-4-25, on the security of S.No. 16 and on the Collateral security of S.No. 552 A. S.No. 552 A. had already been mortgaged for the loan in L. I. L. O. 5/Fasli 1332 and the pattadar Pakeeravva gave a statement agreeing to the transfer of S. No. 552 A. in the name of her brother Karibasavanagowd who was actually enjoying the land. It will thus be seen that the following loans were granted to one and the same individual on the security of S.Nos. 16 and 552 A.

Loan

Loan order and date.	Amount of loan.	Name of the borrower.	Security land.	Date of Sanction.
L.I.5/32 27-9-1922	Rs.250/-	Phakeeravva	S.No.552 A.	29-6-1922
A.G.L.43/32 20-7-1922	Rs.300/-	Karibasavanagowd	S.No. 16.	19-7-1922.
L.I.L. 45/32 25-5-1923.	Rs.500/- (*)	do.	S.No. 16.	28-3-1923.
L.I.L. 45/32, dated 29-4-1925.	Rs.500/- (*)	do.	S.Nos.16 & 552 A.	2-3-1925.

(*) Both these loan orders were merged and a revised loan order for Rs.1,000/- was issued on 29-4-1925.

2. Basavanagowd having failed to complete the well work for which the loan was granted, summary recovery of the loan was ordered. His moveables were attached and sold, and the sale proceeds were credited towards the arrears. Subsequently the mortgaged lands were sold for Rs.1030/- on 13-9-26 and the sale was confirmed by the Sub Collector, Hospet on 7-12-26. After crediting in full the loans arrears in A.G.L.O. 43/32 and L.I.O. 5/32, the balance was adjusted to R.L.I.L.O. 45/1332. The first two loans were finally closed and there is still a balance of Rs. 588-13-7 in respect of the last loan, towards principal. The borrower has no other property to be proceeded against, and there is no hope of recovering it. It has to be treated as irrecoverable. I enclose ledger extracts relating to the above loans.

3. In the first two cases, the loan was enquired into by Revenue Inspector, M.Hanumantha Rao, who is now the Taluk

Taluk Head Accountant, Alur. He valued S.No. 552 and 16 at Rs.300 and Rs.400 respectively in 1922. During the sale they fetched Rs.350 and Rs.680 respectively. No action is called for against him as his valuation was proper. The loan granting officer was the then Tahsildar Mr. Bahuddin Sahib who retired from service on 1-9-1923. In may 1923 i.e. within 8 months after the grant of the above two loans, another loan of Rs.500 was granted by Mr. Bahuddin Sahib on the security of S.No. 16 for sinking a well. The Tahsildar himself conducted the enquiry and granted the loan himself without submitting the records to the Sub Collector for orders though the applicant had applied for a loan of Rs.800. The Tahsildar estimated the value of the land at Rs.800 and failed to take note of the previous encumbrance on the land, which had been valued at Rs.400 by the Revenue Inspector in the previous year. The estimate of value was made quite arbitrarily, without taking into consideration the value of similar lands in the vicinity as he ought to have done. He does not seem to have known anything of the previous loan records.

4. The fourth loan which forms part of the 3rd loan was recommended by Mr. Harikrishnan Naidu, who is now acting as Deputy Collector, Nellore. In this case, the local enquiry was conducted by the Tahsildar himself as an additional loan of Rs.500 was applied for by the borrower and a revised loan order for Rs.1000 had to be issued in the year 1925. At the enquiry S.No. 552 A was offered as collateral security for the loan, the pattadar having agreed to the transfer of the field in the name of the borrower, who was actually enjoying it. The enquiry was perfunctory. The valuation of Rs.800 made by his predecessor was blindly adopted by him without recording a word about its present or prospective value in the statement obtained from the then Karnam. The Reddi was not examined in the matter. No mention was made of the previous encumbrances on the lands mortgaged in L.I.L. 5/32 for Rs.250 and L.I.L. O. 43/32 for Rs.300. It will be seen that the enquiry was only nominal. The village officers who were present

at the time of the loan enquiry are out of office now. Mr. Harikrishnam Naidu valued S.No. 16 at Rs.300 and 552 A at Rs.700 and even went to the length of expressing an opinion that the prospective value of S.No. 16 might be more than Rs.2000 after a couple of years. The valuation of S.No. 552 A was also arbitrary. The opinion of the Reddi was not recorded and the value of adjacent lands was not ascertained. There is also nothing in the records to show that he inspected the fileds and valued them as he ought to have done. Careful and searching enquiries would have brought to light the previous encumbrances and would have led the officer to estimate the lands at moderate values. The prices which they fetched at the sale justify this view. It is obvious that the lands were over-valued by both the Tahsildars.

5. I am doubtful if any action can be taken now against the retired Tahsildar. As there is no way of recovering the loans, I request that orders may be issued for their "write off".

6. The connected loans records are submitted.

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List of enclosures sent with Board's Reference No.F 7469/29-1, dated 24th January 1930.-

Loans records in L.I.L. 5/32, A.G.L. 43/32 and L.I.L.45/32.

Ledger extracts 3.

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9 Revenue

Advances made to Bellary — Hadagalli taluk — Hadagalli village — C. Basavanagowd — Arrears — Write off.

CN 2406 from the Bd of Revenue Ref F 7469/29-, dt 24-1-30.

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In the circumstances reported in paragraphs 1 and 2 the Collector's letter at pp 3-4 C.F., the Govt may accept the Board's recommendation to write off as irrecoverable the loan arrears of Rs 588-13-7 due from C. Basavanagowd of Hadagalli village, Bellary district.

With reference to the observation of the Security Lands by the Inspector Mr. Harishchandra Rao (now Dy Collector) which has resulted in this loan to Govt, the Board may be asked to frame a charge against the Dy Collector and to submit with its remarks his explanation. Mr. Harishchandra Rao is an acting Dy Collector & has not completed his probation yet. A draft order as submitted is sent to Finance for acceptance

vide para 4 of Collector's letter at pp 4-5 C.F.

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Draft submitted for approval.

The moral of the situation appears to be that you are no longer answerable for your misdeeds if they are not discovered till you have (X) retired from Service (Mr. Bahaddin Sahib will escape in this case)

I presume that, even if the Rules allow it (of which I am (X) not certain) Govt do not generally pursue an officer in a case of this kind once he has retired

(X) Please see G of I's letter dt 1-12-28 Flag (I)

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That is so, I believe

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ORDER. M/s No. 365, dated 25-2-30 ~~192~~.

From loans, Mooring in all aggregating to Rs 1530, were advanced between the years 1922 ~~25~~ 1925 to Basavana Gowd of Hadagalli village, Hadagalli taluk, Bellary district, on the security of two fields, S. Nos 16 and 52 of ... loans, each of Rs ..., which are ... requesting consolidation, were granted for the construction of a well in S. No. 16 Basavanagowd ... and to complete the work

steps were taken for the recovery of the full amount of the loans. The moveable properties of the borrower were attached and sold, and subsequently the security lands were brought to sale. After crediting the sale-proceeds to the loans ~~dues~~ arrears, there still remains a ~~balance~~ balance of Rs 588-13-7. The Collector has reported that the borrower has no other property to be proceeded against and has proposed that the ~~amount~~ unrealised balance should be written off as irrecoverable. The Board of Rev have supported the Collector's proposal.

para 2 p 4 c F;

para 2 p 1 c F

2. In the circumstances reported, the Govt direct that the loan arrears of Rs 588-13-7 (Rupees five hundred and eighty-eight annas thirteen and pies seven) be written off the accounts as irrecoverable.

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paras 3 & 4 pps 5-6 c F

3. The Govt observe that the two tasildars, Mr Bahudden Sahib and Mr. Harikrishnan Naidu, who sanctioned the two later loans of Rs 500/- each conducted the enquiry perfunctorily and ~~gently~~ justly overestimated the value of the security [illegible] of these two tahsildars. Mr. Bahudden Sahib has retired from service. ~~and the Govt consider that~~ No action will be taken against him. As regards the other tahsildar, Mr Harikrishnan Naidu, who is now a Deputy Collector the Board of Revenue is requested to frame a charge against him and submit to Govt his explanation with the Board's remarks.

and that the former officer, ~~while~~ at his leaving in May 1923, dealt with one of the applications entirely himself, although the amount then applied for ~~sanctioned~~ was Rs. 800/-, and the case was not reported the order of the Sub Collector

para 3 & 4 pps 5-6 c F

para 2 pp 1-2 c F

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To

The Bd of Rev (R 5 with a file & records)
a Acct Genl (Pro. 2 in each)
a Finance Dept.